RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63) INVENTORS DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE THICKENING OF FIBER SUSPENSIONS

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE THICKENING OF FIBER SUSPENSIONS the specification of which (check applicable box(s)): is attached hereto (Atty Dkt. No. 30-543) as U.S. Application Serial No. was filed on PCT/F199/00778 22 September 1999 was filed as PCT international application No. Ø and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application: Priority Foreign Application(s): Day/Month/Year Filed Country Application Number 23 September 1998 Finland 982043 26 November 1998 **Finland** 982565 I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below. Date/Month/Year Filed **Application Number** I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filling date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: Status: patented Prior U.S./PCT Application(s): Day/Month/Year Filed pending, abandoned Application Serial No. 22 September 1999 PCT/F199/00778 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby appoint NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Rd., B* Floor, Arlington, VA 22201-4714, telephone number (703) 816-4000 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and the following attorneys thereof (of the same address) individually and collectively owner's/owners' attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent: Larry S. Nixon, 25640; Arthur R. Crawford, 25327; James T. Hosmer, 30184; Robert W. Faris, 31352; Richard G. Besha, 22770; Mark E. Nusbaum, 32348; Michael J. Keenan, 32106; Bryan H. Davidson, 30251; Stanley C. Spooner, 27393; Leonard C. Mitchard, 29009; Duane M. Byers, 33363; Jeffry H. Nelson, 30481; John R. Lastova, 33149; H. Warren Burnam, Jr. 29366; Mary J. Wilson, 32955; J. Scott Davidson, 33489; Alan M. Kagen, 36178; Robert A. Molan, 29834; B. J. Sadoff, 36663; James D. Berquist, 34776; Updeep S. Gill, 37334; Michael J. Shea, 34725; Donald L. Jackson, 41090; Michelle N. Lester, 32331; Frank P. Presta, 19828; Joseph S. Presta, 35329: Joseph A. Rhoa. 37515: Raymond Y. Mah. 41426; Chris Comunizis, 31097. Lalso authorize Nixon & Vanderhye to delete any attorney names/numbers no longer with the firm and to act and rely solely on instructions directly communicated from the person, assignee, attorney, firm, or other organization sending instructions to Nixon & Vanderhye on behalf of the owner(s). Date: 1. Inventor's Signature: Finland Antero LAINE inventor. (citizenship) MI (last) (first) (state/country) Finland Kotka Residence: (city) Siltatie 1 D 33, Kotka, Finland Post Office Address: FIN-48100 (Zip Code) 2. Inventor's Signature: Finland LJOKKOI Inventor: Risto MI (citizenship) (last) (first) (state/country) Finland Residence: (city) Karhula

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